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### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

#### Status of Claims

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 12, 23, 26, and 28 have been amended. The amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Claim 28 has been amended to correct a typographic error; this amendment is not being made for reasons of patentability.

#### 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 8-14 and 18-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Elzein, U.S. Patent No. 6,259,917. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the currently amended claims and the remarks that follow.

Each of amended independent claims 1, 12, 23, and 26 recites "the associative history including at least successful association attempts and failed association attempts."

Elzein does not disclose or suggest at least this feature of amended independent claims 1, 12, 23, and 26. In particular, Elzein does not disclose including failed association attempts in the associative history. For a reference to anticipate a claim, each element of the claim must appear in the reference. Therefore, Eaton does not anticipate claims 1, 12, 23 and 26, as amended.

Each of claims 2-4, 8-11, 13-14, 18-22, 24-25, and 27-28 depends from one of amended independent claims 1, 12, 23, and 26 and includes all the features of the claim for which it depends as well as additional distinguishing features, and is therefore likewise allowable.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1-4, 8-14 and 18-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Elzein should be withdrawn.

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### 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Elzein in view of Shi, U.S. Patent No. 6,807,16. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 5 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Elzein in view of Shi should be withdrawn.

Amended independent claims 1 and 12 each recite, "the associative history including at least successful association attempts and failed association attempts." Neither of Elzein or Shi recites this feature of claims 1 and 12. In particular, neither of Elzein or Shi discloses including failed association attempts in the associative history. Each of claims 5 and 16 depends from one of amended independent claims 1 and 12, includes all the limitations thereof, and is therefore patentable.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 5 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Elzein in view of Shi is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 6-7, 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Elzein in view of Balogh, U.S. Publication No. 2001/0024953. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 6-7, 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Elzein in view of Balogh should be withdrawn.

Each of claims 6-7, 15 and 17 depends from one of amended independent claims 1 and 12, and includes all the features of one of these amended independent claims as well as additional distinguishing features. As stated above, these independent claims are patentable over Elzein. The addition of Balogh fails to cure the deficiencies of Elzein. Therefore, neither of Elzein or Balogh alone or in combination renders claims 6-7, 15 and 17 obvious.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 6-7, 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Elzein in view of Balogh is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

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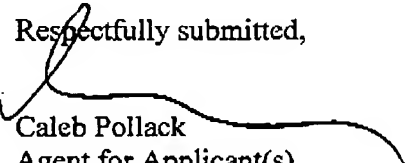
### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, and for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

No fees are believed to be due associated with this paper; however, if any fees are due, please charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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